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Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones
Assistant Secretary for Oceans and
International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Dr. Jones:

Last week, I spoke with British Columbia Premier Christy Clark regarding the Canada-U.S. Albacore Tuna Treaty and I wanted to share my perspective on this issue with you.

Premier Clark and I had a very candid conversation regarding the concerns of our fishers and those from Oregon and California regarding the Canadian fleet's fishing behavior and crowding issues in U.S. waters. In response, Premier Clark informed me she intended to consult with her fishing industry to see if they are willing to immediately address these two areas of concern. I told Premier Clark that I would request the scheduling of a bi-lateral meeting as quickly as could be arranged. I also indicated that if these two issues can be addressed immediately and sufficiently at a bi-lateral meeting, I would support continuation of the Fishing Regime as a one-year interim step while the broader matters relating to the Treaty are being negotiated.

As you know, Washington and British Columbia have had a long, extensive and cooperative relationship on many different issues. I hope we can find a way to successfully resolve these issues regarding the Albacore Tuna Treaty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

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cc: The Honorable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor of California
The Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of Oregon
Phil Anderson, Director, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

